Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Express Services will be increased from 1-1-1122 Shuttle service will be introduced when sufficient number of vehicles become available.

Transport Service.

239. ***Mr. N. Madhavan Namboothiri** (*Travancore Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that the extension of the State Transport Bus service from Quilon to Alleppey and Aroor is quite unavoidable in the interests of the increasing travelling population; and

(b) whether they have received any representation from the people thereof ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

North Travancore Motor Union

240. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have entered into a Union contract with the North Travancore Motor Union Ltd., in the matter of running bus services between Alwaye and Parur;

(b) if the answer to *(a)* is in the affirmative, the date on which such a contract was entered into;

(c) whether they are aware that the time table of the N. T. M. Union Ltd. along with that of the State Transport Bus Services are exhibited in the booking office of the State Transport at Alwaye; and

(d) whether they are aware that buses belonging to the N. T. M. Union Ltd., and styled as "Express" are running in competition with the State Transport buses ?

Mr. N. Ramamurti: *(a)* Yes.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(c) No.

(d) No.

Medical Practitioners.

241. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received for registration from the Medical Practitioners of the State till 1-1-1121;

(*b*) the number already registered under each system of medicine; and

(*c*) why the remaining applications have not been registered till now ?

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Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 8,742.

(*b*)

Allopathy	479
Ayurveda	3,839
Sidha	724
Homeopathy	518
Dentistry	139
Unani	26
Total	5,725

(*c*) The remaining applications are pending disposal as certain irregularities pointed out in respect of them have not been rectified by the applicants.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether all these 3.000 applications were not registered due to defects in the applications.

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Sultan Mohiadheen : (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : May I know how many Siddha Vaidyans applied for registration ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : I have not got the figures with me just now.

Distribution of milk powder.

242. **Mr. G. Ravi Varma** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have passed any order for distributing condensed milk and milk powder along with rationed sugar among the people of the State at any time this year or last year;

(*b*) whether they are aware that compulsory distribution of the stuff was done in many parts of the State by the authorities ;

(*c*) whether the milk powder issued was tested and certified by any competent authority at the time of distribution that it was fit for human consumption ; and

(*d*) whether they have received any complaints with regard to the distribution of the same ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : (*a*) Instructions were originally issued to release skimmed milk to hotel keepers along with sugar as a supplementary food stuff of nutritive value.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Milk powder which was unfit for human consumption was not released for sale but withdrawn and condemned.

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